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## INTRODUCTION.

**I** HAVE given you the history of many kingdoms and nations, which were successively set up in the world through the power of God, and destroyed by his justice for their wickedness and pride.

I will now give you an account of a kingdom which will never be destroyed:

I mean that of JESUS CHRIST, the SON of God, called the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

In the first part of Scripture History, you read about a great nation proceeding from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, called the Jewish nation, which had the LORD GOD for its King. It was foretold by the LORD, that in process of time an HOLY ONE should proceed from this nation, in whom *all the families of the earth should be blessed.*

When GOD suffered the Jewish nation to be destroyed by the mighty conqueror

ON of queror Nebuchadnezzar, he preserved the  
lives of such persons as believed in him,  
and worshipped him only; and though he  
permitted them to be carried away from  
their native land into other countries, yet  
he continued to shew favour to them; and  
by means of Prophets, whom he sent as  
messengers to his faithful servants, he com-  
forted them with many promises, that at his  
own appointed time, he would raise up an-  
other kingdom that should last for ever;  
and that a King should reign over it of the  
family of David. And he revealed, by the

Prophet Daniel, the time at which this giving  
MESSIAH, or CHRIST, this HEAVENLY &c. v  
KING, was to be born into the world, which nothin  
those pious Jews who lived in the reign of tingu  
Herod the Great, and who studied the writ. world  
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Among other particulars the Prophets suffe  
foretold, that the MESSIAH would have a igno  
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Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, would  
perform many wonderful works, such as Th

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VENLY &c. would be meek and lowly, and have  
which nothing in his outward appearance to dis-  
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e writ world; but that on the contrary, he would  
d hap be despised and rejected of men, a man of  
sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and  
that at last he would lay down his life, and  
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The nature of the MESSIAH's kingdom,  
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and how it was to be established *for ever*. It were left for this Heavenly King himself to there explain when he should come upon earth. outw

It was likewise foretold by the Prophets tinge that a Messenger, resembling, in his outward appearance and manners, the Prophet usua Elijah, would be sent into the world with this before the MESSIAH, to prepare people to receive and honour him.

You must endeavour to keep these particulars in mind, as you pursue the history you are now going to read.

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It may be proper to mention, that though there was not in reality, any thing in the outward appearance of the MESSIAH to distinguish him from the human race, yet it is usual to describe him, in pictures and prints with a circle of rays about his head; and this rule is followed in the present work.

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*Number I.*

An ANGEL appeareth to ZACHARIAS.

IN the days of Herod, the king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, and his wife's name was Elizabeth, and they were very good, but had no child, though they were both grown old. And as Zacharias was burning incense

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in the temple, according to the custom of the Jews, an angel appeared to him standing by the altar. And when Zacharias saw him he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said, Fear not, Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard, and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name JOHN; and thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth: for he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the HOLY GHOST (of

SPIRIT

SPiRiT of GOD) from his birth. And many of the children (or people) of Israel, shall he bring back to the LORD their GOD. And he shall go forth before him in the spirit and power of Elias (or Elijah) to reconcile fathers to their children, and by the wisdom of the righteous, to render a disobedient people well-disposed to the LORD.

But Zacharias doubted whether what the angel told him would come to pass or not ; therefore the angel said unto him, I am Gabriel, who attend in the presence of GOD, and am sent to

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speak unto thee, and shew thee the  
glad tidings (or news.) And behold thou  
shalt be dumb and not able to speak un-  
til the day that these things are perform-  
ed, because thou believest not my words  
which shall be fulfilled in due time.  
And it happened to Zacharias as the  
angel had said unto him; he imme-  
diately lost his speech, and soon after  
returned to his own house.

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*Number II.*

The ANGEL GABRIEL delivering GOD's  
Message to the VIRGIN MARY.

AND about six months after the  
angel Gabriel had appeared to Zacharias,  
he was sent from GOD unto a city of  
Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin,  
who had promised to be the wife of a  
man named Joseph, and the virgin's  
name was Mary. And the angel said

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unto her, Hail! thou art highly favoured, the LORD is with thee, blessed art thou among women.

And when Mary saw him she was troubled. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favour with God; and behold, thou shalt have a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the LORD God shall give unto him the throne of David his father: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there shall

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be no end ; the Holy Spirit will descend upon thee, and the power of the Highest will overshadow thee.

And Mary doubted not ; but said, behold the handmaid of the LORD ! be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

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### *Number III.*

The naming of JOHN, the Forerunner, or  
Messenger of the MESSIAH.

**A**ND Elizabeth had a son, (\*as the

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\* See Number I.



angel Gabriel had foretold. And it came to pass, that when his friends were going to name him Zacharias, his father, (not being able to speak) wrote that he should be called JOHN. And the mouth of Zacharias was immediately opened, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And being filled with the Holy Ghost, (or Spirit of God) he prophesied, that this child should be called the Prophet of the HIGHEST, and should go before the LORD to prepare his way, to give knowledge of salvation unto his people,



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riends through the tender mercy of God.

arias, And the child John grew, and gave  
eak) early tokens of courage and piety; he  
OH N. forsook all childish sports, and passed  
s im- his time in a desert, (or retired place)  
osed, preparing himself for the great work he  
And was designed for, and waiting till the  
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*Number IV.*

The Birth of JESUS, the MESSIAH, or  
CHRIST.

AND behold, while Joseph doubted whether he ought to make Mary his wife, an angel appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take home Mary thy wife. She shall have a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; (or Saviour) for he shall save his people from their sins.

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Then Joseph being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the LORD had bidden him, and took home Mary his wife.

And it came to pass in those days, that Augustus Cæsar, the Roman Emperor, (to whom the Jews, as well as many other nations were in subjection) gave command, that all his subjects should repair to the cities their families at first belonged to, in order to have their names set down in books provided for that purpose. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth

zareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, called Bethlehem, to have his name set down with that of Mary his wife; because they were of the house and lineage of David.

And so it was, that while they were there, Mary brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling (or baby) clothes, and laid him in a manger, because (the town being so full of people who came to have their names set down) there was no room for them in the inn.

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*Number V.*

The SHEPHERDS receiving the Tidings of  
CHRIST'S Birth.

NOW there were in the same country  
shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping  
watch over their flocks by night. And  
lo: the angel of the LORD stood by  
them, and the glory of the LORD shone  
round about them, and they were sore  
afraid. And the angel said unto them,  
Fear not; for behold, I bring you good  
tidings, of great joy which shall be to  
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you and to all people. For unto you is  
born this day, in the city of David, a  
SAVIOUR, which is CHRIST the LORD.  
And this shall be a sign unto you, ye  
shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling  
clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the an-  
gel a multitude of the heavenly host,  
praising God, and saying, GLORY TO GOD  
IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH,  
PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN.

And it came to pass, as the angels  
were gone away from them into heaven,  
the shepherds said one to another. Let

us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the LORD hath made known unto us.

And hastening thither, they found Mary and Joseph, with the babe, who was lying in a manger. And when they had seen this, they made known abroad what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds; but Mary kept all these things, and considered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying



rifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, agreeable to what had been declared unto them. the a his b ward

In this manner was fulfilled what had been foretold by the prophets; that the SAVIOUR, or MESSIAH, should be born of a virgin, of the family of David, and in the city of Bethlehem. to p hold who reve that seen

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### *Number VI.*

JESUS presented in the TEMPLE.

AND on the eighth day after his birth, the child was named JESUS, as the



things the angel who appeared to Mary before  
eable his birth had said. And shortly after-  
m. wards they brought him to Jerusalem,  
t had to present him to the LORD; and be-  
t the hold, there was a good man in Jerusalem,  
born whose name was Simeon, and it was  
and revealed unto him by the HOLY GHOST,  
that he should not die before he had  
seen the LORD'S CHRIST.

And he came (by the guidance of  
(the HOLY SPIRIT) into the temple,  
when the parents brought in the child  
his JESUS, to present him as the law re-  
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Then Simeon took JESUS up in his arms and blessed God, and said, LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen the SAVIOUR, whom thou hast provided in the sight of all the world, a light to lighten the Gentiles, (or all nations) and the glory of thy people Israel.

And Joseph and his mother heard with admiration those things which were spoken of him.

And there was also one Anna, a prophetess, a very old woman, who served God

n his LORD, God with fastings and prayers day and  
art in night: And she coming in at that in-  
mine stant gave thanks likewise unto the  
thou Lord, and spake of him to all those  
the who looked for redemption (or deliver-  
ance (in Jerusalem.

And Joseph and Mary returned with  
the child into Galilee to Nazareth.

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### *Number VII.*

CHRIST manifested, or made known to the  
GENTILES.

**I**T was foretold by the Prophets, and  
Simeon

Simeon, by the HOLY SPIRIT said the same, that the MESSIAH should be a teacher of righteousness to the Gentiles as well as to the Jews; (by Gentiles we are to understand all the people who were not of the Jewish nation; they were out of favour with God because they worshipped idols) and about the time of CHRIST's birth, the Gentile nations expected a great king in the world; and to increase this expectation, God caused a wonderful star to appear in a country far distant from Judea, and made known to some wise men, that

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this star would, if they followed its course, lead them to the presence of this king. In consequence of which, they took a very long journey, that they might pay homage to him; and at length arrived in Jerusalem, saying, Where is he who is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod heard this he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where

CHRIST

CHRIST should (according to the prophets) be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem, of Judea.

Then Herod, when he had secretly sent for the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him.

When they had heard the king they departed; and lo! the star which they saw in the east moved before them, 'till

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it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts (such as were usual to offer to kings) gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream, that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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*Number VIII.*

JOSEPH and MARY fleeing with JESUS into  
EGYPT.

AND when the wise men had departed, the angel of the LORD appeared unto Joseph in a dream, saying Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When Joseph arose, he took the

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young child and his mother by night, and fled into the land of Egypt.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, sent and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, whom he supposed (from their age) to have been born since the star appeared to the wise men. Shortly after the death of the innocents, the cruel king was seized with a terrible distemper, of which he died in great agonies, and his kingdom was divided among his sons; and Archelaus (the eldest)

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who was also a very barbarous tyrant, reigned in Judea.

When Herod was dead, an angel of the LORD appeared in a dream to Joseph, in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child, and his mother, and go into the land of Israel; for they are dead who sought the young child's life. And Joseph did so: but when he heard that Archelaus reigned in Judea, in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither, notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream; so he turned aside into a city called Nazareth,

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tyrant, in the province of Galilee, which was  
in the dominions of Herod Antipas,  
another son of Herod the Great, who  
was of a milder disposition than Arche-  
laus.

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*Number IX.*

JESUS conversing with the DOCTORS in the  
TEMPLE.

IT was a custom with all the Jewish  
people, to go to the temple of Jerusalem  
every year, at the Feast of the Passover;  
and when their children were twelve

years old, they took them with them. who  
At thirteen, young persons were con- unde  
firmed by the doctors of the Jewish law, A  
and instructed in religion. zare

When JESUS was twelve years old, subj  
he went up to Jerusalem with his mo- wisc  
ther and Joseph; but instead of return- Gor  
ing with them he staid behind. As  
soon as they missed him, they went back  
to Jerusalem, and after three days they  
found him in the temple, sitting in the  
midst of the doctors, both hearing them,  
and asking them questions. And all  
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them, who heard him were astonished at his  
con- understanding and answers.

law, After this, JESUS went back to Na-  
old, zareth, with Joseph and Mary, and was  
mo- subject unto them; and he increased in  
turn- wisdom and stature, and in favour with  
God and man.

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*Number X.*

the, JOHN the BAPTIST Preaching in the  
hem, WILDERNESS.

d all AND it came to pass, that many years  
who. after JESUS went first to Jerusalem, the

time being at hand for him to appear, near  
as the MESSIAH, John, the son of Za- ye,  
charias, by the command of God, went the  
forth in the wilderness of Judea, as his And  
forerunner or messenger. out

And John was clothed like the pro- con  
phets of old, in a coarse garment made pro  
of camels hair, and fastened with a lea- tize  
thern girdle; and instead of luxurious tha  
food, his meat was locusts (a kind of me  
large grasshopper) and honey, made, co  
by wild bees, in the clefts of rocks or ni  
hollow trees. m

And John came into all the country. th

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appear, near the river Jordan, saying, Repent ye, (or turn from your evil ways) for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And great multitudes of people went out to meet him; and all such as confessed themselves to be sinners, and promised to amend their lives, be baptized, or washed with water, in token that they would be cleansed by the mercy of God, from the sins they had committed before, so as not to be punished for them, and should be admitted into the kingdom of heaven, or the MESSIAH'S kingdom. Among those

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those who followed John, were some whom he had reason to think hypocrites, or deceitful people; these he admonished, to shew their repentance by fruits meet or fit for repentance; by which he meant good works: and those who asked him what kind of good works he meant, he told, to practise all the kindness in their power to their fellow-creatures.

And as all men mused in their hearts concerning John, whether he were the CHRIST or not. He answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with

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with water, but there cometh one after me whose shoe latchets (or strings) I am not worthy to unloose. He shall baptize with the HOLY GHOST, (or SPIRIT) and with fire. He will gather the good people together, as a husbandman gathers the wheat into his barn to be preserved; and will condemn the wicked to unquenchable fire, as the husbandman casts out the chaff to be consumed, because it is good for nothing.

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*Number XI.*

The BAPTISM of JESUS.

**I**N a short time after John began to preach and to baptize. JESUS came from Galilee to be baptized of him. Though John had never before seen JESUS, he knew him, for the HOLY SPIRIT made him known; and John said to JESUS, I have need to be baptized of thee; and comest thou to me? And JESUS answering, said, Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfil

fulfil all righteousness, or to conform to every institution of God. Then John baptized him.

And JESUS, when he was baptized, went up directly out of the water, and lo! the heavens were opened, and he saw the SPIRIT of GOD descending and lighting upon him. Then John knew from what the SPIRIT had foretold to him, that this was indeed the divine Person who should baptize with the HOLY GHOST; and lo! (to strengthen his belief) there came a voice from heaven, saying, This is my  
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BELOVED SON, in whom I am well pleased. From that time, John bare record, saying, This is He of whom I spake, whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He is the SON of GOD.

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*Number XII.*

ANGELS ministring to JESUS in the Wilderness.

AND JESUS being full of the HOLY GHOST, returned from Jordan, and knowing it was the will of the Father that he should be tempted of the Devil,

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well he went into the wilderness, and when he  
bare had fasted forty days and forty nights he  
om I was afterwards an hungred. And the  
ny to Devil came unto him, promising that  
— he would give him all the kingdoms of  
the world, and the glory of them if he  
would fall down and worship him, ho-  
ping, by his temptation, to persuade him  
Wil- to commit sin, that he might prevent  
his being the SAVIOUR of mankind.  
OLY But JESUS despised all earthly riches and  
and glory: he looked for a heavenly king-  
ther dom, provided for mankind, which  
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solved to endure all sorrows, and even  
suffer a shameful and painful death on  
the cross, rather than lose this king-  
dom, and hinder mankind from the hap-  
piness he was to purchase for them.  
JESUS therefore said unto the tempter;  
Get thee behind me, SATAN; it is  
written thou shalt worship the LORD  
thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.  
Then the Devil left him, and angels  
came and ministered to him, or attended  
on him, in order to do him honour as  
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*Number XIII.*

ANDREW, SIMON, PHILIP, and NATHANAEL  
Coming to JESUS.

SOON after JESUS left the wilderness,  
a man named Andrew, who had heard  
the testimony of John concerning JESUS,  
was desirous of following him, and he  
persuaded his own brother Simon to go  
likewise. As soon as they came to  
JESUS, he called Simon by his name,  
and gave him the surname of *Cephas*,  
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which signifies a *stone*, or *rock*. The *law* th  
 next day JESUS met with Philip, whom (or M  
 he encouraged to follow him; and Phi-thou a  
 lip invited Nathanael, who readily ac-answe  
 companied him. JESUS saw Nathanael saw t  
 coming to him, and faith of him, Be-thou  
 hold an Israelite indeed, in whom is than  
 no guile; (that is to say, a plain up-thee,  
 right man, just and true in his dealings, open  
 and humble and pious toward God.) ing  
 Nathanael said unto JESUS, Whence, man  
 knowest thou me? JESUS said unto N  
 him, Before that Philip called thee, the  
 when thou wast under the fig-tree, I. ME

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The *saw* thee. Nathanael answered, Rabbi,  
whom (or Master) Thou art the SON of GOD,  
Phi- thou art the KING of ISRAEL. JESUS  
y ac- answered, Because I said unto thee, I  
nanael saw thee under the fig-tree, believest  
Be- thou? Thou shalt see greater things  
m is than these. Verily, verily, I say unto  
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*Number XIV.*

The first Miracle of CHRIST, performed at  
the Marriage Feast in Cana.

**T**HOSE persons who attended JESUS, with the desire of being taught by him, are called in Scripture his disciples. Simon Cephas, or Peter, and Andrew, his first disciples, returned to their former occupations; but it is supposed Philip remained with him, as it is likely Nathanael did under the name of Bartholomew.

In order to prove that he really was the SON of GOD, JESUS wrought many miracles; that is to say, things which no *creature* could possibly do.

The first of these miracles was performed at Cana, in Galilee, at a marriage feast, to which JESUS himself, his mother, and his disciples, were invited.

Before the feast was over, the mother of JESUS saith unto him, they have no wine. JESUS saith, mine hour is not yet come. She saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you do it. And there were in the room six water-pots

pots of stone, (each of them supposed to contain about thirty gallons) used by the Jews for washing their hands and faces, and the things they ate and drank out of. JESUS saith unto them, Fill the water-pots with water: and they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast: and they bare it.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, he said, Thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did

JESUS,

posed Jesus, in Cana, of Galilee; and shewed forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him. After this he went up to Jerusalem, at the passover, and wrought other miracles, and his disciples believed on him.

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### *Number XV.*

JESUS conversing with NICODEMUS.

THE Jewish rulers were very proud, and did not like that any person should pretend to preach doctrines different from

from their own. When they heard that *courfed*  
 JESUS was followed, they were envious among  
 of him, and resolved to put a stop that ne  
 his preaching; but there was one among *whoever*  
 them named Nicodemus, who was of *of Go*  
 a very candid disposition, but he was *the st*  
 fearful of letting the rest know that he *loved*  
 had a mind to converse with JESUS, *begott*  
 therefore he came privately to him by *him st*  
 night, and said unto him, Rabbi, (*ing li*  
 Master) We know that thou art a *W*  
 teacher come from GOD; for no man *work*  
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rd that coursed with Nicodemus some time, and  
nvious among other things, which the ruler  
top that had never heard before, told him, that  
among *whoever would enter into the kingdom*  
was *of God, must be born of water, and of*  
e was *the spirit*; he also told him, God so  
that he *loved the world, that he gave his only*  
ESUS, *begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in*  
m by *him should not perish, but have everlast-*  
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man working miracles, John continued to  
doest baptize; and some of John's disciples  
e dis- were jealous because JESUS was more  
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followed than he whom they called the  
 master. John reminded them that  
 had constantly taught them to confide  
 the MESSIAH as much greater than  
 himself; and added, that JESUS must  
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 he himself must *decrease*, or appear  
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 of the earth is earthly—he who cometh  
 from Heaven is above all. The FATHER  
 loveth the SON, and hath given  
 all things into his hands. He who be-  
 lieveth on the SON hath everlasting life,



led that he who believeth not the Son shall  
that not see life, but the wrath of God a-  
confideth on him.

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*Number XVI.*

OUR SAVIOUR conversing with the Woman  
of SAMARIA.

NOW Herod Antipas, who was Tetrarch, or Governor of Galilee, had seduced Herodias, the wife of his brother Herod Philip, and married her, for which John the Baptist, whom Herod Antipas esteemed and feared as a holy and just man, reprov'd him. This enraged Herodias, and she perswaded Herod to put

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John into prison. The Pharisees also grew more and more envious of JESUS, so as the time was not come for him to deliver himself into their hands, he thought proper to go away into Galilee, and his road thither lay through the province of Samaria,

When he had walked a great way he sat down to rest, by a well called Jacob's well; and there came a woman of Samaria to draw water, whom he asked to give him some water, and entered into familiar conversation with her; in the course of which, he told

her, among other important things, that most  
 God is a Spirit, and must be worshipped; but  
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most likely he was) entreated him to eat; but he said, *I have meat to eat that ye know not of. My meat is to do the will of him who sent me.* This shews, that JESUS did not regard suffering hunger, when he was teaching people to serve God as they ought to do.

The woman went and told other Samaritans, who came out to hear, and said unto her, Now we believe, not because of thy report, for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the CHRIST, the SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.

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*Number XVII.*

The Nobleman coming to entreat JESUS to  
restore his Son.

**T**HEN JESUS came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine; and there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that JESUS was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down and heal his son, for he was at the

the point of death. Then JESUS said unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe. The nobleman said unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. JESUS saith unto him, Go thy way, thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that JESUS had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour at which he began to amend: and they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left



him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour in the which JESUS said unto him, Thy son liveth ; and himself, and his whole household believed that JESUS had power to do all things.

From that time, JESUS began to preach and to say, *The time is fulfilled, (foretold by the Prophets) and the kingdom of God is at hand ; repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

To repent, signifies to be sorry for sin, and to amend our lives. The word GOSPEL means *good tidings, or news.* Our Saviour brought the most happy tidings,



it was tidings, or news, that ever were sent from God to mankind; but it was sent only to those who would *repent*, and *believe him to be the SON OF GOD*.

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### *Number XVIII.*

The miraculous Draught of Fishes. JESUS calleth PETER, ANDREW, JAMES, and JOHN.

AND it came to pass one time, as JESUS stood by the lake of Genesareth, the multitude pressing upon him to hear him,

him, he saw two barks, or little ships, a-ground near the edge; but the fishermen were on shore washing their nets. And he entered into one of the barks, which was Simon's, and desired that he would put off a little from the land; and he sat down and taught the people out of the bark. Now when he had left speaking, Jesus said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answered, Master we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word, I will let down the net.

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And having done this, they enclosed such a multitude of fishes, that their net brake. And Peter, and Andrew, his brother, beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other bark, that they should come and help them. And they came, and laded both the barks so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at JESUS' knees, crying, Depart from me, O LORD! for I am a sinful man. For he was struck with consternation, and all who were with him, at the miraculous draught of fishes which they had taken; particularly

James

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And JESUS said unto Simon, Fear not, henceforth thou shalt catch men; that is to say, you shall by your preaching draw men to you. And when JESUS, as he went out from thence, saw James, and John, his brother, in the bark, with Zebedee, their father, mending their nets, he called them. And they immediately left their father and went after him; and when the barks were brought to land, Peter, Andrew, James, and John, forsook all and followed him.

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JESUS having chosen them to be his companions, that they might see his miracles, hear his doctrine, and bear witness that he was really the CHRIST, the SON of GOD.

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*Number- XIX.*

The Paralytic Man healed.

AND JESUS went about all Galilee, teaching in their Synagogues, (or churches) and preaching the Gospel, (or glad tidings) of the kingdom of Heaven, and

and proving himself to be the Son of salem,  
God, by healing all manner of sickness to acc  
and disease among the people, by his afraid  
word alone, without the use of any medicine own.  
cine whatever. And there followed him tende  
great multitudes of people from Galilee, such  
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lem, and from Judea, and from beyond then  
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And it came to pass on a certain day, ther  
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Son of salem, that they might find something  
sickness to accuse him of, because they were  
by him afraid his doctrine would overturn their  
medi own. The report of his being so at-  
tended, brought many to hear him, and  
Galilee, such numbers were gathered together,  
Jerusalem, that there was not room to receive  
beyond them, no not so much as about the  
door: and he preached the Gospel unto  
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were And a poor man, sick of the palsy,  
y sit- who was so very helpless that he re-  
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cure him. And when those who bore him found the crowd so great, that they could not get admittance into the house, they got up upon the roof, and taking off the covering, contrived to let the poor creature down that way into the room. And JESUS seeing their faith, (or belief in his power) said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee.

And behold, certain of the Scribes, or Jewish teachers, said within themselves, This man blasphemeth, (or dishonoureth God.) Who can forgive sins but



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t, the Jesus knowing their thoughts, though  
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 saying, We have seen incredible things and m  
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### *Number XX.*

JESUS restores to Life Jairus's Daughter.

AND behold, there came to JESUS Syn  
 one of the rulers of the Synagogue, Jai- and  
 rus by name. And he fell at JESUS's exc  
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up his feet, and besought him greatly, saying,  
God, My little daughter lieth at the point of  
death: I pray thee, come and lay thy  
hands on her, that she may be healed,  
and may live. And JESUS went with  
him and much people; and there met  
him some from the ruler's house, who  
said, Thy daughter is dead, why trou-  
blest thou the master any further?

As soon as JESUS heard the word that  
was spoken, he said to the ruler of the  
Synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe;  
and he suffered no man to follow him,  
excepting three of his disciples, Peter,  
James,

James, and John. And when he came to the house, he took with him the father and the mother of the damsel, and his three disciples, and entered into the room where she was lying; and he took the damsel by the hand, and said, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise! And straightway she arose and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with great astonishment. And he commanded that something should be given her to eat, that they might be convinced she was really alive.

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*Number XXI.*

JESUS appointeth twelve Apostles.

AND it came to pass, that after performing many wonderful works, our LORD went up into a mountain to pray to the FATHER; and continued all night in prayer. And when it was day he called unto him a number of his disciples, and of them he chose twelve, and these he called Apostles, and appointed them to be with him, to hear his doctrine,

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 his manner of life; and that he should people  
 send them out to preach, and to have to heal  
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And the names of the twelve Apostles were these: *Simon Peter, James*, could  
 the son of Zebedee, and *John* his brother their  
 ther; *Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew,*  
*Matthew, Thomas, James*, the son of  
*Alpheus; Thaddeus, Simon*, the Cana-  
 anite, and *Judas Iscariot*.

And JESUS came down with them,  
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to have to hear him, and to be healed of their  
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## Number XXII.

Our SAVIOUR preaching his Sermon on the  
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AND seeing the multitude, JESUS  
went up into a mountain; and when he  
was sat, his disciples came unto him,  
and he opened his mouth, and taught  
them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit, (or  
those who have an humble opinion of  
themselves) for theirs is the kingdom  
of Heaven.

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Blessed are they who mourn, (or are sorry for their sins) for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, (or those who are willing to learn their duty, cautious of giving offence, and patient in bearing ill treatment) for they shall inherit the earth, (or enjoy more peace and quietness in it than others )

Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, (or are as desirous of learning the will of God, and doing it, as those who suffer hunger and thirst are of victuals and drink) for they

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shall be filled (with what they so earnestly desire.)

Blessed are the merciful, or those who feel compassion for the miseries of others) for they shall obtain mercy, (not only from their fellow-creatures, but from God.)

Blessed are the peace-makers, (those who not only avoid quarrels themselves but to try to make them up between others) for they shall be called the children of God.

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people. Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, said he, do ye so unto them. Love your enemies, so as to do good when in your power to those who are spiteful to you; for this is the way for you to become the children of GOD your FATHER, who is in Heaven.

He likewise instructed them to keep from swearing, and calling reproachful names: and taught them that excellent Prayer, which we call the LORD'S PRAYER, because it was made by our SAVIOUR.

He likewise admonished them not to set their minds too much on the things of this world; but to live in such a manner, that they might have treasures in Heaven, which never spoil, waste, or decay: and to put their trust in God their Heavenly FATHER, who will give to all who shew themselves desirous of heavenly treasures, and strive to do their duty with the hope of obtaining them, as large a share of the good things of this world as is proper for them.

Our LORD also told his disciples, not to judge hardly of any of their fellow-

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creatures, but to attend to their own faults, and mend themselves; and to try to be good *indeed*, and not merely to *appear* so to men; for he assured them, that none but those who endeavour to do the will of God, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

From this discourse of our LORD's, it appears, that the kingdom of Heaven is very different from the kingdoms of this world.

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*Number XXIII.*

JESUS raiseth to Life the Widow's Son.

AND it came to pass, soon after that JESUS had ended his sermon on the Mount, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold there was a dead man carried out, and he was the only son of the mother, and she was a widow,

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And when the LORD saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier, and those who bare it stood still; and JESUS said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he who was dead sat up, and began to speak; and he delivered him to his mother.

And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great Prophet is risen up among us; and that God had visited his people.

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*Number XXIV.*

Jasus stilleth the Tempest.

**N**OW it came to pass on a certain day, that JESUS went into a bark, and his disciples followed him; and he said unto them, Let us cross the lake: and they accordingly fet sail. And behold there arose a great tempest in the lake, so that the bark was covered with the waves; but he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep; and they awoke him, and



and said unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And Jesus arose and rebuked the winds, and said unto the water, Peace! be still! and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

\* And he said unto his disciples, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith? (or trust in my power.) And they said one to another, with fear and admiration, What man is this who commandeth even the winds and the water, and they obey him?—Surely they had forgotten what John the Baptist said of JESUS, that he was the SON of GOD,

or they would not have been so amazed at his working miracles.

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### *Number XXV.*

JESUS explaining his Parables to his twelve Apostles.

AFTER JESUS stilled the tempest, he performed many wonderful works, of which when his enemies, the scribes and Pharisees heard, they said, that he did them by the power of the Devil; but Jesus declared publicly, that he

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came into the world to deliver mankind from the power of the Devil ; and told his disciples, that whoever ascribed the miracles he did by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD, to the Devil, was guilty of blasphemy against the HOLY GHOST, and would never be forgiven.

And JESUS went about throughout every city and village, preaching, and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of GOD, and the twelve apostles were with him. And he taught many things unto them by parables, or short instructive stories, which I fear you would

would not fully understand; and therefore I will only tell you what he told his apostles plainly, when they entreated him to explain these parables; namely, that when this world is at an end, the MESSIAH will send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all those who do wickedly, and cast them into a place of torment, where they will suffer the utmost misery forever: and that then the righteous, or good, will shine forth in glory in the kingdom of their Father. Our LORD advised his disciples to seek for the riches

there of this kingdom, as earnestly as they  
he told would for great treasures, since nothing  
treated could be so truly valuable to them.

When JESUS had finished these say-  
ings, he departed thence, and went a-  
bout teaching in the Synagogues, and  
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also to perform miracles in his name. Our LORD told these disciples, that they would meet with a great deal of ill-treatment in the world, but desired them to have good courage, and trust in his power, and not to fear those who can only kill the body, but rather to fear God, who after he has killed, has power to cast into Hell. And when he had made an end of commanding his twelve apostles he departed thence, to teach, and to preach in their cities.

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*Number XXVI.*

The Death of John the Baptist.

**JOHN** the Baptist continued all this time in prison; for Herodias could not prevail on the king to cut him off: but at length a convenient opportunity offered, for Herod on his birth-day gave an entertainment to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee; and the daughter of Heroidas came in and danced before them, and pleased Herod

Herod and his guests so much, that the king swore unto the damsel, saying, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, even to the half of my kingdom.

And she withdrew, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And Herodias's daughter returning hastily to the king, made this request; I would that thou give me presently in a charger, or basin, the head of John the Baptist.

And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet because he had solemnly sworn, and

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half an executioner, and desired the Baptist's  
head to be brought; and the execu-  
tioner went and beheaded John in pri-  
son, and brought his head in a charger,  
and He and presented it to the damsel, and she  
to the presented it to her mother. And when  
John's disciples heard it, they came and  
took his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

Soon after the death of John, Jesus  
departed by ship into a desert place; and  
when the people heard thereof, they  
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followed him on foot out of the cities  
 and his name was spread abroad, so that  
 Herod heard of it. And he was per-  
 plexed, and said unto his servants, John  
 have I beheaded, but who is this **JESUS**  
 whom I hear such things? and some  
 said, it is Elijah, and others that he is **A**  
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 But Herod, (whose conscience made  
 him afraid) said, It is John the Baptist, **over**  
 whom I beheaded; he is risen from the **titude**  
 dead, and therefore mighty works **the n**  
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 desired to see him; but **JESUS** would not **ed b**  
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*Number XXVII.*

JESUS feeds Five Thousand People with Five Loaves and Two Fishes.

**A**FTER these things JESUS went over the sea of Galilee, and a great multitude followed him, because they saw the miracles which he did on those who were diseased. And the apostles returned back, and related what things they had done, and what they had taught; and he departed with them by ship privately

vately to a desert place, that they might rest themselves. But the people saw them departing, and many ran on foot out of all the cities, and came unto him.

And JESUS, when he saw much people was moved with compassion, and healed those who had need of healing, because they were as a flock of sheep having no shepherd: and he taught them many things.

And when it grew late, his disciples desired him to send the multitude away; but he said, Give ye them to eat. And

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drew, Simon Peter's brother, said, We have a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fishes; but what are they among so many? And JESUS said, Make them sit down; so the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And JESUS took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were sat down, and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. And they did all eat and were filled. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that  
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that remain, that nothing be lost; therefore they gathered them together and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them who had eaten. And they who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Then these men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, believed in him; and when he perceived that they would take him by force and make him a king, he sent the multitude away, and his disciples, and departed again into

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### *Number XXVIII.*

JESUS walking on the Sea.

AND the bark in which his disciples were, was tossed about on the sea by a contrary wind, and in the middle of the night, when it was a great distance from the land, his disciples saw JESUS walking on the water, and drawing  
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nigh unto the ship, and they were terrified and cri-  
 rified, and they cried out for fear, (timmed  
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### *Number XXIX.*

Some of the Disciples forsaking JESUS  
 Peter declaring his Belief in him.

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again, expecting to be fed in the same miraculous manner. Instead of feeding he reproved them, and admonished them not to follow him for the sake of things of a perishable nature, but to seek for things that would nourish their souls to everlasting life, which he, as the MESSIAH, could give them. Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we may work the work of GOD? JESUS said unto them, This is the work of GOD, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. And many other things spake he unto them; but as his discourse again,

courses were contrary their present inclinations, many of them, who followed him for the sake of the loaves and fishes, went away, and attended no more upon him.

Then said JESUS unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, LORD, to whom should we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life: and we believe, and are sure that thou art the CHRIST, the Son of the LIVING GOD.



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*Number XXX.*

JESUS healeth a Man who was deaf, and had  
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AND JESUS passed through the midst  
of Decapolis: and he went up into a  
mountain and sat down there. And they  
brought unto him one that was deaf,  
and had an impediment in his speech;  
and they besought him to put his hand  
upon him. And he took him aside from  
the multitude, and put his finger into

his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue, and said unto him, *Ephphatha*, that is, *Be opened*. And immediately his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And the people were astonished beyond measure, and said, He hath done all things well, he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those who were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at JESUS's feet; and he healed them all; insomuch, that the multitude

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*Number XXXI.*

THE TRANSFIGURATION.

AND JESUS took Peter, James, and  
John, his brother, into an high moun-  
tain apart to pray. And as he prayed  
he was transfigured (or changed in his  
appearance) before them, and his face

shone as the sun, and his raiment became white as the light. And behold there appeared unto him Moses and Elias (or Elijah) talking with him, who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which would happen at Jerusale[m]. But Peter, and they who were with him, were heavy to sleep; and when they were awake they saw his glory, and the two men who stood with him. please  
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*Number XXXII.*

JESUS discourseth with his Disciples upon  
Humility.

AND JESUS continued to perform many miracles, both in the city of Jerusalem, and other places; but the more he shewed forth his power, the more spiteful were the Jews against him; particularly the chief priests and rulers. The reason of their enmity was this: they had formed expectation of their

their MESSIAH's coming in great earthly pomp, to deliver them from their subjection to the Romans, and set their nation up, as in the days of David and Solomon, above all the kingdoms of the earth; and because our LORD came in a meek and lowly manner, they would not believe him to be the MESSIAH, though he wrought such wonderful works, as proved him to be the SON of GOD; and did the very things which the Prophets had foretold that the MESSIAH would do. And they carried their rage against him to such a height,

height, that they resolved to kill him. This our LORD knew, and told his disciples, that he should be put to death by the chief priests and scribes; and that he should rise again from the dead the third day. This his disciples could not understand; for they, as well as the Jews, expected to see their Master a great King on earth, and were very desirous of knowing who would be the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven.

Whenever they asked this question, he reproved them; and once when they did so, he took a little child, and set him

him in the midst, and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, except ye become as little children, (meek and humble) ye shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

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*Number XXXIII.*

JESUS visits his Friends at Bethany.

NOTWITHSTANDING the wicked designs of the Jewish rulers, our LORD continued to go up to Jerusalem, for

for he feared them not, because he knew they had no power to hurt him, till he should yield himself into their hands; but they employed spies to watch all his actions, that they might find pretences for persecuting him, and held many conversations with him themselves, in hopes of his saying something which they might lay hold of against him; and once they were so enraged at his declaring himself the SON of GOD, and greater than *Abraham*, that they took up stones to cast at him; but he conveyed himself out of their sight.

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As he was going from Jerusalem, he entered into a certain village, called Bethany; and a woman named Martha, received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who (as soon as our LORD entered, laid aside all worldly business) and sat down at his feet to hear his word. But Martha, intent upon giving a feast to her guest, employed herself in domestic affairs; and being cumbered with much serving, came and said to JESUS, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister leaveth me to serve alone? bid her therefore assist me.

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And JESUS answered and said unto her Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troublest thyself about many things, but one thing is needful; and Mary has chosen that good part which shall not be taken from her. JESUS

From this we may learn, that Religion ought to have the first place in our thoughts; and that we should embrace every opportunity of improving ourselves in it. AN  
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*Number XXXIV.*

JESUS talking with the Man to whom he had given Sight.

AND JESUS continued to work miracles; and among other wonderful things which he did, he gave sight to a man who was born blind. This miracle was performed on the Sabbath-day, and some of the Pharisees took great offence at it, because they said, no work should be done on the Sabbath: but our LORD's doctrine

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And he said, Lord, I believe: and he  
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After this our LORD discoursed with  
the Jews, and proclaimed himself to be  
the good Shepherd of Israel, whom the  
Prophets had foretold would come into  
the world. He declared, that he would  
lay down his life for his sheep, (or such  
persons as would submit to be led by  
him) that no man had power to take  
his life from him. I have power (said  
he) to lay it down, and I have power to  
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take it up again. This commandment (or power) have I from the Father.

There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings; and many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the words of him who hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

*Number XXXV.*

The Jews going to stone JESUS.

*Number* **AND** in the winter, at the feast of the dedication, JESUS walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the CHRIST, tell us plainly. JESUS answered them, I told you, and ye believed not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

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## *Number XXXVI.*

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And they brought young infants un-  
to JESUS, that he might put his hands  
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ples supposing them to be troublesome)  
rebuked them. But when JESUS saw  
it, he was much displeased, and said  
unto them, Suffer the little children to  
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Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall  
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he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

From the encouragement our Lord gave in this instance, Christian parents baptize or christen children in their infancy; not doubting but that he will receive, and reckon them among the people of his kingdom.

Children receive the kingdom of God when they are desirous of being taught the things belonging to it; and attend to religious instruction with meekness and humility.

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*Number XXXVII.*

The raising of LAZARUS.

LAZARUS, the brother of Martha and Mary, was sick. Now JESUS loved him, therefore the sisters sent to entreat him to come; but he went not till he knew that Lazarus was dead. And Martha went out to meet him, and when she saw him, she said, LORD, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died; but I know that even now

whatsoever thou shalt ask of God, God will give thee. JESUS said unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, LORD, I believe that thou art the MESSIAH, the SON of GOD; he who cometh into the world.

When she had so said she went away, and called Mary, her sister, whispering her, the Teacher is come. Then Mary

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When JESUS saw Mary and her friends  
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Now the grave was a cave, and a  
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said, Remove the stone. Martha said, LORD, by this time he smelleth offensively; for he hath been four days dead. JESUS saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, if thou believe thou shalt see the glory of God? Then they removed the stone. And JESUS creid with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth! And he who was dead came forth in his grave-clothes. JESUS said unto them, loose him and let him go. And many of the Jews who came to Mary, and had seen the things that JESUS did, believed on him; but some went their

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## Number XXXVIII.

MARY washing the Feet of JESUS, and  
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of the Jews he went to Jerusalem; and  
in the way thither, he told his disciples,  
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length killed, and that he should rise again the third day. After this he continued to work miracles, and speak instructive parables, concerning the kingdom of Heaven.

As JESUS, in his way to Jerusalem, passed through Bethany, he stopped to sup with one Simon, who invited Martha, and Mary, and Lazarus, to meet him. Martha, to shew her respect, waited on our LORD, but Mary took a box of costly ointment, and poured it on his head, and then anointed his feet, and wiped them with her hair; and the

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house was filled with the perfume of the ointment. This action of Mary's was a mark of great respect and veneration. But one of our LORD's apostles, named Judas Iscariot, pretended to take offence at her wasting what might have been sold for a great deal of money, and given to the poor; (not that he cared for the poor, for he was a very bad man) but JESUS commended Mary, and said, The poor ye have always with you, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good; but me ye have not always: she hath done what she could, she hath

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come beforehand to anoint my body to the burial. Verily, I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached, throughout the whole world, there this also that she hath done, shall be spoken of for a memorial.

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*Number XXXIX.*

JESUS makes a triumphant Entry into  
JERUSALEM.

AND as they drew nigh to Jerusalem, JESUS said unto his disciples, Go into the

the village over against you, and ye shall find an ass tied, and with her a colt, whereon never man sat, loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The LORD hath need of them; and he will send them immediately. And they did so, and they brought the colt to JESUS, and they cast their garments on the colt, and they sat JESUS upon him; and many spread their garments in the way, others cut down branches and strewed them; and they who went before, and they who followed after cried, saying, Hosanna! Hosanna!

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whole multitude of the disciples began  
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particulars concerning the end of the world, and the day of Judgment; and commanded them to live so that they might always be prepared for the coming of their LORD.

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*Number XL.*

JUDAS agrees with the Chief Priests to betray his LORD.

AND JESUS having finished all his discourses in the temple, said unto his disciples, Ye know, that after two days



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sus by surprise, and kill him; but they  
said, Not on the feast day, lest there be  
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And Judas, one of the twelve, yield-  
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and from that time he sought opportu-  
nity to betray him. And JESUS knew  
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### *Number XLI.*

JESUS eats his last SUPPER with his Disciples.

AND when JESUS and his apostles  
were met to eat the passover, he said  
unto them, I have earnestly desired to  
eat this passover with you before I suf-  
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any more eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of GOD.

And as they were eating JESUS took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

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After this, JESUS said unto his disciples, Verily, I say unto you, that one of you will betray me; and they were very sorrowful, and began to say, Is it I? And he told his apostle John, that it would be that apostle to whom he should give a sop when he had dipped it—And he gave the sop to Judas. Soon after Judas went out, and it was night.

When he was gone, JESUS said unto his disciples, Yet a little while I am with you, ye shall seek me; and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go ye cannot come, so now I say unto you,

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*Number XLII.*

Our LORD's Agony in the Garden.

AND when they had sung an hymn, JESUS and his disciples went forth unto the mount of olives. Then JESUS said, All ye shall be offended because of me this night. And Simon Peter said unto him, LORD, though all men should be offended, yet will not I—I am ready to follow thee to prison and to death.—I will lay down my life for thy sake.

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JESUS answered, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow till thou hast denied me thrice. Peter said, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all his disciples.

When he had spoken these words, JESUS went into a garden, in a place called Gethsemane, where he continued some time in prayer; and here he thought of what he was shortly to suffer, threw him into such an agony, that his sweat ran down like great drops of blood, yet

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he resolved to submit willingly to these sufferings for the sake of mankind: and he said, FATHER, not my will, but thine be done. And while he prayed, his disciples slept, and he awoke them, and said, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Sleep on now and take your rest; behold he is at hand who shall betray me!

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*Number XLIII.*

JESUS betrayed by JUDAS.

AND Judas knew where to find Jesus, so having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests, they came with lanterns, and torches, and weapons. And Judas said, Whomsoever I shall kiss, the same is he, take him and bind him fast. And Judas went before them, and drew nigh unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto

him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kifs? JESUS, therefore knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, JESUS of Nazareth. JESUS saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also which betrayed him stood with them.

As soon then as he had said unto them, *I am He*, they went backward and fell to the ground. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, JESUS of Nazareth. JESUS said, I have told you that I am He: If there-  
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Then JESUS delivered himself into their hands, and they bound him, and led him away to Caiphas, the high priest.

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### *Number XLIV.*

Peter denies CHRIST. The Jewish Council condemn him.

AND Simon Peter followed JESUS; and when he was questioned whether he

was one of his disciples, he denied him; see th  
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time the cock crowed; and JESUS look- thou  
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*Number XLV.*

JESUS brought forth by Pontius Pilate.

As the Jews could not put any one to death without leave from the Romans, because they were in subjection to them, they took JESUS to Pilate, the Roman procurator, who, after the Jews had accused him, asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? JESUS answered



he sake answered him, sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation, and the chief priests, have delivered thee unto me: What hast thou done? JESUS answered, my kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a King then? JESUS said, Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause

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cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. And Pilate said unto him, What is truth? but he stayed not to hear the answer of JESUS to this important question, but went out. And Pilate told the Jews that he could find no fault in JESUS; but they grew the more outrageous. Pilate, therefore, to please them, sent JESUS to Herod, who was then at Jerusalem; but JESUS would not answer any questions that Herod asked him, though the chief priests stood by and accused him violently. And

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Herod despised him, and by way of derision, clothed him in a scarlet robe, and sent him to Pilate, who once more tried to persuade the Jews to let him go; but they cried out, Let him be crucified. Pilate therefore, though he thought him innocent, to please the Jews, commanded that JESUS should be scourged; and the soldiers who scourged him, plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they put on him a purple robe, and bowed the knee before him, mocking him, and saying, Hail King of the Jews!

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Pilate, moved with pity, brought him forth, wearing the crown of thorns; and Pilate said unto the Jews, Behold the man!

When the chief priests therefore, and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him! Crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him and crucify him, for I find no fault in him; but the more he spoke in his favour, the more they cried out against him. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but rather that a tumult was made, he said, I am free from the blood of this just person,

person, see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us and on our children ! So Pilate, willing to content them, gave sentence that it should be as they required ; and delivered JESUS to be crucified.

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*Number XLVI.*

JUDAS returneth the Money to the High Priest.

**W**HEN Judas, who had betrayed his LORD, saw that he was condemned, he

he repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned, in that I have betrayed innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, It is not lawful to put the money in the treasury, because it is the price of blood; and they took counsel, and bought with it the potter's

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### *Number XLVII.*

JESUS bearing his Cross.

AND JESUS, bearing his cross, went forth into a place called Golgotha, or the place of a skull. And they obliged one Simon, a poor African, whom they chanced to meet, to help him to carry it; and there followed a great company of people, and of women, who bewailed

bewailed him. And he said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. And there were also two others, malefactors (or wicked persons) led with him to be put to death.

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## *Number XLVIII.*

### THE CRUCIFIXION.

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And they stretched JESUS on the cross, nailing him to it by his hands and feet; and they raised up the cross. Then JESUS said, FATHER, forgive them, for they know not what they do! And they crucified the two thieves also, one on his right hand, and the other on his left. Then the soldiers parted his garments among them, and sat down to watch him there.

And Pilate had caused to be written up at the top of the cross, THIS IS JESUS,

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behold, the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. And when the Roman officer, who stood over against him, observed these things, he said, Truly this man was the SON of GOD. There were also many looking on, and among them was Mary Magdalen, on whom he had formerly wrought a great miracle; but his beloved disciple John had, at our LORD's desire, taken the Mother of JESUS home to his own house, to cherish and to comfort her.

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*Number XLIX.*

The Sealing of the Sepulchre.

**A**S at the time of the crucifixion the Jews were preparing for a solemn festival, they begged that the legs of those who were crucified might be broken, in order to hasten their death, that they might not remain on the crosses on the feast day ; and the soldiers did so to the thieves, but when they came to JESUS, and found that he was already dead, instead

stead of breaking his legs, one of the soldiers ran a spear into his side, and there flowed out blood and water. After this JESUS was taken down from the cross; and Joseph of Arimathea, a rich man, came and begged his body, and he and Nicodemus (who formerly came to JESUS by night) wrapped it up in linen, with spices, and laid it in a new sepulchre, or tomb, hewn out of a rock which was in a garden. There they laid JESUS, and rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre; and the women who were at his crucifixion, saw

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where he was laid, and returned to make preparations for embalming him. Then the chief priests went to Pilate, and said Sir, we remember, that this deceiver said while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again; command therefore that the sepulchre be sealed, lest his disciples come by night and steal him away, and say, he is risen. Pilate said, Ye have a guard, go your way, and make the sepulchre as sure as you can; so they made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

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*Number L.*

The Resurrection of our LORD.

AND behold, early on the morning, on the first day of the week, there was an earthquake, for an angel of the LORD descended from heaven, and rolled back the stone from the sepulchre and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow; and for fear of him, those who watched the sepulchre did shake, and

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were as dead men ; and JESUS rose from the dead, and came forth, but no man saw him rise.

Then came Mary, the mother of James, and other women, to the sepulchre, desiring to anoint the body of JESUS : and they said among themselves, Who shall roll away the stone for us ? for it was very great ; and they beheld, and lo, it was rolled away.

When Mary Magdalen saw that the stone was removed, she cometh to Peter and John, and saith, They have taken away the LORD, and we know not where

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they have laid him, and some of the women entering the sepulchre, saw not the body of JESUS, and as they were perplexed, two angels stood by them in shining garments, and as they were afraid, one of them said, Fear not, for I know that ye seek JESUS, who was crucified; he is not here, for he is risen from the dead. Remember what he told you while he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men to be crucified, and the third day rise again: Go quickly, and tell his disciples and

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Master; and she came and told the disciples. And the other women also met him, and JESUS said unto them, All hail! And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said JESUS, Be not afraid: Go tell my brethren, that they go into Galilee, and there they shall see me. And they went and told the eleven and all the rest; and their words seemed to them as idle tales. And they believed them not.

And the watch came into the city, and told unto the chief priests all the things that were done; and they took counsel

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*Number LI.*

Our LORD appears to his Apostles.

**T**HE same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut, where the disciples were assembled for fear of the JEWS, came JESUS, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you: and when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad when they had seen the LORD.

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Then said JESUS to them again, Peace be with you ; as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said, Receive ye the HOLY GHOST. Then opened he their understandings, that they might understand the Scriptures.

But Thomas one of the twelve, was not with them when JESUS came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the LORD. But Thomas said unto them, Except I see in his hands the print of the nails, and put  
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my finger in the prints of the nails, and my hand to his side, I will not believe.

And after eight days, again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Then came JESUS, and stood in the midst, the doors being shut, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hand! and reach hither thy hand, and feel my side, and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD! and my God!

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Jesus saith unto him, Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed.

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## *Number LII.*

### Our LORD's Ascension.

**T**HEN the eleven apostles went away into Galilee, unto a mountain where JESUS had appointed them; and he was seen of above five hundred brethren, or fellow-christians, at once.

And when they saw him they worshipped. And JESUS came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. He who believeth, and is baptized shall be saved; but he who believeth not shall be damned.

And JESUS shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of his apostles forty days, and speaking to them of the things belonging to the kingdom of God.

And it came to pass, that JESUS and his apostles being assembled together,

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he led them out as far as Bethany, and commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, (that is to say, the HOLY GHOST) which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the HOLY GHOST not many days hence. And many other things spake he unto them concerning the kingdom of God, and commanded them to go, after they should have received the HOLY GHOST, and baptize all nations, in the name of the FATHER, and of the

the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST, promising to be with them even until the end of the world. And when he had spoken these things, he lift up his hands and blessed them. And it came to pass, that while he blessed them, they beheld, and he was parted from them, and was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight; and he was received into heaven, and sat at the right hand of God.

And while the apostles looked steadfastly toward heaven, two angels stood by them, and said, Ye men of Galilee, why

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man named Matthias, to be an apostle, in the room of Judas Iscariot.

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*Number LIII.*

The Descent of the HOLY GHOST.

**AND** when the day of Pentecost (a great feast of the Jews) was fully come, the disciples were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the place where they were sitting; and there appeared

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were then at Jerusalem, came unto them,  
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stood up and explained the matter to them, by informing them, that they were enabled to speak these different languages by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, which several of their Prophets had foretold should be sent upon the servants of the MESSIAH. Peter then preached the gospel to them, and boldly declared, that CHRIST, whom the chief priests and elders had caused to be crucified, was risen from the dead, and being exalted to the right hand of God, had received power to send the HOLY SPIRIT on his disciples.

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*Number LIV.*

The lame Man cured by PETER and JOHN.

**B**EFORE our LORD ascended up into heaven, he told his apostles, that after they should have received the HOLY GHOST, and begun to preach, they should be enabled to work miracles in his name.

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man, lame from his birth, sat daily in the beautiful gate of the temple to ask alms. And he begged of Peter and John; and Peter looking earnestly on him, said, Look on us: and he gave heed to them expecting an alms. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but what I have give I unto thee. In the name of JESUS CHRIST, of Nazareth, arise and walk: and he took the lame man by the right hand, and immediately he received strength, and leaped, and walked, and went into the temple, praising God, who had given such

such power unto men; and the man was about forty years old. And all the people were amazed, and ran together to look at Peter and John.

Then Peter told them, they had not done this miracle by their own power, but through faith in the name of CHRIST, whom the chief priests had crucified, and GOD had raised.

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*Number LV.*

PETER before the Jewish Council.

**W**HEN the chief priests heard that Peter and John taught in the temple, and converted many, they were displeased, and caused them to be brought before them, then Peter, being full of the HOLY GHOST, boldly bore witness to the truth of the resurrection of JESUS, and declared the resolution of himself and John, to preach the gospel, notwithstanding

withstanding they were severely threatened by the chief priests and rulers, who for fear of the people let them go.

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*Number LVI.*

THE DEATH of ANNANIAS and SAPPHIRA.

AND the multitude of those who believed, were of one heart, and one soul; and such as had houses and lands, sold them to raise a fund for the supply of their mutual necessities, and brought

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power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied to man, but unto God.

And Annanias hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost. And great fear came on all who heard these things. And he was carried out and buried.

And about four hours afterwards, his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in. And Peter said unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How

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ried thy husband are at the door, and  
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down straightway and died. And the  
young men came in and found her dead,  
and carrying her forth they buried her  
by her husband. And great fear came  
upon all who heard these things.

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*Number LVII.*

STEPHEN Stoned to Death.

**A**ND a man called Stephen (one of the deacons who had been appointed to assist the apostles in dividing what was collected) did great wonders and miracles among the people; and some of the Jews disputed with him, but were not able to resist the wisdom of the SPIRIT by which he spake; so they hired false witnesses,

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who said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law: For we heard him say, that this JESUS of Nazareth, will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us. And all who sat in the council, looking stedfastly on Stephen, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. Then Stephen opened to them the Scriptures, shewing them the backslidings of the people of God, from the days of Abraham to the coming of CHRIST, and their idolatries, and how

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they disobeyed Moses, persecuted the prophets, and betrayed and crucified the MESSIAH.

And Stephen said, Ye stiff-necked people, ye do always resist the HOLY GHOST. As your fathers did so do ye. When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed upon him with their teeth. And he being full of the HOLY GHOST, looked stedfastly up to heaven, and said, Behold, I see the heavens open, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God! Then they cried out with a loud

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And Stephen was buried by the brethren

thren (as the Christians were called) and great lamentation was made for his death. But a dreadful persecution was begun against the Christians, who, all excepting the apostles, left Jerusalem and dispersed.

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### *Number LVIII.*

The Conversion of SAUL.

AND Saul became a great enemy to the Church (that is to say, to the Christians) and breathing out threatenings and slaughter

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said, Who art thou LORD? And the  
Lord said, I am JESUS, whom thou  
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persecutest. And Saul, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me do? And the LORD said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou shalt do.

And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth, and they led him to Damascus; and he was there three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink. And then the LORD sent a certain disciple to him, called Annanias, and

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and Annanias putting his hands upon him, said, Brother Saul, the LORD JESUS, who appeared unto thee in the way that thou camest, hast sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the HOLY GHOST. The GOD of thy fathers has chosen thee that thou shouldest know his will, and see that just One, and should hear the voice of his mouth; for thou shalt be a witness unto all men, of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, washing away thy sins, and calling upon

the name of the LORD. And immediately there fell from the eyes of Saul, as it had been great scales, and he instantly received sight, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had eaten meat he was strengthened. And immediately afterwards he preached the gospel publicly in the synagogues, declaring JESUS to be the SON of God, and those who heard him were astonished, knowing that he came to Damascus with another intent. And Saul went on boldly preaching the LORD JESUS, and endured much persecution, and

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and rejoiced that he was thought worthy to suffer for his LORD's sake. After his conversion he was called Paul, instead of Saul.

Before the persecution of Paul, the Christians were dreadfully harrassed, and numbers put to death; but afterwards these persecutions abated, and Christian churches, or societies, were established throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and the members of them led the most pious and exemplary lives, enjoyed the comfort of the HOLY SPIRIT, and multitudes

multitudes of people were converted to the truth.



*Number LIX.*

ENEAS and DORCAS raised to Life at the Prayer of PETER.

AND it came to pass as Peter passed through all quarters, he came also to the Christians who dwelt at a place called Lydda, and there he found a certain man named Eneas, who had kept his bed eight years with the palsy. And

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And Peter said unto him, Eneas, JESUS CHRIST maketh thee whole: Arise and make thy bed; and he arose immediately. And many by this miracle were brought to believe in CHRIST.

And there was at Joppa, a certain disciple named Dorcas, who gave a great deal in alms, and did other good works. And she was sick and died. And as Lydda was near to Joppa, the disciples sent two men unto Peter, desiring him to come. Then Peter went, and when he was come into the chamber, all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing

shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas had made for them. Peter desired them all to leave the room, that they might not disturb his devotions, and then he kneeled down and prayed; and rising up, he turning to the body, said, Dorcas arise, and she opened her eyes; and when she beheld Peter, she sat up, and he gave her his hand, and lifted her up; and when he had called the disciples and widows, he presented her alive to them. And it was known throught Joppa, and many believed on the LORD.

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And Peter stayed some time at Joppa,  
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*Number LX.*

CORNELIUS'S Vision.

THERE was a certain man in Cæsa-  
rea, named Cornelius, an officer in the  
Roman army, a devout man, who,  
though he was a Gentile, feared God,  
with all his family, gave much alms,  
and prayed to God always.

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He saw in a vision evidently, an angel of God coming to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius! And when he had looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, LORD? And the angel said, Thy prayers, and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God; and now send men to Joppa; for one Simon, whose surname is Peter, who lodgeth with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea-side, he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

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On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter, as he was praying on the housetop, had also a vision, by which the LORD taught him, that he must not hold the Gentiles in contempt, but be willing to preach the gospel unto them. And while Peter was wondering what it meant, the HOLY SPIRIT said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee; go with

with them, doubting nothing, for I have sent them. Peter therefore went down, and having received an account of what had happened to Cornelius, he invited the men to lodge there; and the next day went with them to Caesarea, where Cornelius waited for him, and had got together a number of his relations and friends.

As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet to worship him; but Peter said, Stand up, I also am a man. Then Cornelius gave an account of his vision, and expressed his

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NOW it came to pass, that Herod, the nephew of him who caused John the Baptist to be beheaded, persecuted some of the Christians, and slew James, the brother of John, with the sword. And because he saw this pleased the Jews, he proceeded further, and took Peter, and threw him into prison, where  
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he was bound with two chains, which, and th  
 for security, were fastened to two sol- and r  
 diers, and sixteen other soldiers were quick  
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 prison, earnest prayers were offered up and h  
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And the very night that Herod in- low  
 tended to bring him forth, Peter was he on  
 sleeping between two soldiers, bound to th  
 with two chains, and the prison door they  
 was guarded by the keepers. And be- free  
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which, and the angel smote Peter on the side,  
and raised him up, saying, Arise up  
quickly, and his chains fell off his  
four hands. And the angel said unto him,  
Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals;  
and he did so. And he said unto him,  
Cast thy garment about thee, and fol-  
low me; and he did so, but thought  
he only saw a vision. When they came  
to the outward iron gate, it opened, and  
they went out, and passed through one  
street, and then the angel departed.

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that the LORD hath sent an angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from the Jews.

And as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. And when Herod found that he had escaped, he commanded the keepers to be put to death. But shortly after, the cruel tyrant himself came to a miserable end; for the angel of the LORD smote him as he was taking to himself the glory that belongs to God alone, and he was eaten of worms even before he expired.

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*Number* LXII.

PAUL before FELIX.

**A**FTER this, Paul journeyed from place to place, preaching the gospel, and converting many; but he met with a variety of misfortunes, and was several times in prison, and in danger of death, yet nothing discouraged him; for the LORD comforted him with his HOLY SPIRIT, and enabled him to do many wonderful things. At last, some Jews,

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to the number of forty, formed a conspiracy against him, and bound themselves by an oath, That they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

But the matter was made known to a nephew of Paul's, and he apprized the chief captain of his danger, who was in secret Paul's friend, and sent him away in the night, with strong guard of soldiers, by whom he was conducted with speed and safety to Felix, the Governor of the province. When Felix read the letter which the chief cap-

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tain sent concerning the prisoner, he  
em- told Paul he would hear his cause him-  
ould self, as soon as his accusers should ar-  
kil- rive. In a few days the high priest,  
Annianias, with several of the elders,  
to a came down to Cæsarea in person, and  
d the brought with them a certain orator,  
was named Tertullus. And when Paul was  
him called forth, Tertullus began to accuse  
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ucted of sedition. Felix permitted Paul to  
Go- defend himself; and while he reasoned  
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a crown of glory and immortal happiness would be bestowed on each of them, as a reward for their constancy; and that they should be received into the kingdom of their beloved LORD, and remain in his divine presence for ever.

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The final Destruction of JERUSALEM.

**W**HILE our SAVIOUR was on earth, he repeatedly told the Jews, who would not receive him as the MESSIAH, that instead of their becoming a great and powerful people as they expected, their city and nation should be destroyed. And he told his apostles many signs that would happen, by which the Christians, who should be living at

that time, might know that this dreadful judgment was near at hand, and flee from Jerusalem.

Every thing fell out as our LORD foretold; famines and pestilences, earthquakes, wars, and rumours of wars, plagued this rebellious people for a number of years; they never prospered from the time they condemned CHRIST to be crucified, and cried out, *His blood be upon us and our Children!*

At last Jerusalem was besieged by the Roman army, which was at that time commanded by Titus, the son of the Emperor

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Emperor Vespasian. After causing the Jews to suffer the most extreme hardships, Titus entered the city. Numbers of the inhabitants were put to the sword, and many taken captive. The temple was burnt, and the whole city pulled to the ground; and what is very remarkable, the destruction of this temple happened on the very same day of the year on which Nebuchadnezzar burnt the first.

Our LORD had assured his disciples, that though they were to suffer many things for his sake, not a hair of their

heads should perish, when these calamities came upon the Jews; and history informs us, that not one Christian was involved in the destruction of Jerusalem.

Several attempts were afterwards made to rebuild Jerusalem, in order to establish the Jewish worship, but they were all frustrated by divine Providence, and the Jews dispersed over all countries, without being owned by any.

In this state they still remain, a despised and abject people, and so will continue, till they acknowledge JESUS

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St. JOHN writing the Book of REVELATIONS.

ST. John might be said to suffer martyrdom, though he did not die by it; for at the command of the cruel Emperor Domitian, he was thrown into a cauldron of oil, set on fire; but the LORD preserved his beloved disciple, so that the flames had no power over him.

After this, the merciless tyrant banished the holy apostle to a desolate island,  
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called Patmos. Here he had many wonderful visions, which are related in his book of Revelations, at the end of the New Testament.

The design of these visions was, to convince St. John, and by his means to inform the world, that JESUS CHRIST reigns in Heaven; and to assure them, that all who continue faithful to him to the end of their lives, shall be received into his kingdom, which will never be destroyed, and in which they will enjoy blessings and honours beyond what we can possibly conceive.

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I HAVE now given you an account of the wonderful manner in which God established the kingdom of his beloved Son. Who would not wish to become a member of it? Thanks to divine goodness, even children in this country, are in their earliest days admitted to this honour. ' Soon after they are born, they are baptized in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and  
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of the HOLY GHOST, and by this mean made members of CHRIST, children of God, and inheritors, or heirs, of the kingdom of Heaven — They are brought unto their Saviour as he commanded; and no doubt, in his abundant love and compassion, he graciously receives them as his, and reckons them as the lambs of that flock, for which he laid down his life, that they might rise from the dead.

But remember, that it is required of those who have been received into CHRIST's flock, that they live as become

come members of CHRIST, children of GOD, and inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven. This no one can do without help from above; but this help is afforded to all who pray earnestly for it, and sincerely strive to do the best they can.

The SAVIOUR has promised to send his HOLY SPIRIT to all who believe in him, and are desirous of doing the will of their Father who is in Heaven; and the HOLY SPIRIT will enable all such to understand their duty, as it is made known in the Scriptures, and will also strengthen



children strengthen them to perform it, - and overcome the temptations of the devil.

In this world the inheritors, or heirs, of the kingdom of heaven, are, as well as the rest of mankind, exposed to many temptations, trials, and afflictions; but if they pray for the aid of the HOLY SPIRIT, trust in their SAVIOUR, and strive to follow his blessed example in meekness and godliness, they will certainly be enabled to bear the worst that can happen to them; and CHRIST will assuredly give them the PEACE OF GOD, which passeth all understanding, and

and which the wicked can never enjoy.

These will be the blessings of the inheritors of the kingdom of heaven, during this present life; and at the end of the world, the SAVIOUR will come again in the clouds with all his holy angels, when those who have been good Christians shall rise from the dead and meet their LORD in the air; and he will say unto them, *Come, ye blessed of my father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.* Then shall they be admitted into the regions

regions of immortal bliss, where they will dwell for ever in the presence of God, and be like the holy angels, happy to all eternity.

How different will be the fate of the wicked when the last trumpet shall sound, and they are raised from the dead! Instead of feeling joy at their blessed LORD's approach, they will be seized with the utmost terror. Then will they call to the graves to receive them again—to the rocks to cover them, or to the sea to swallow them up; but all in vain! When their heavenly

heavenly judge comes they must appear before him.

How will they wish then, that they had in their former lives prepared themselves for the kingdom of heaven? And what dreadful agonies will take possession of their minds, when they shall hear the SAVIOUR, whose redemption they have slighted—who would have gathered them together, as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but they would not. How will they mourn and lament when they shall hear him say, Depart from me ye wicked  
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into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels !

Lay these things to heart, my young readers ; be persuaded to devote yourselves to the service of God in your early years, and before the world gets possession of your affections, resolve to follow the example of your blessed Redeemer.

Be assured, that you will find no pleasures in this life, equal to those which you will enjoy in the practice of your duty. Remember, that there is  
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an eternal inheritance provided for you, which none can hinder you of, if you continue stedfast in your Christian profession. Accustom yourselves to think frequently of the day of judgment, and of the kingdom of heaven. Call to mind what JESUS CHRIST has done and suffered, to obtain everlasting life and happiness for the true servants of GOD; and endeavour to live in such a manner, that whenever you are taken out of this world, you may, through the mercy of GOD, and the merit of  
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you, your adorable SAVIOUR, gain admittance into the regions of everlasting bliss.

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